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SUBJECT: CSCE: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DISCUSSION

REF: (A) DUBLIN 859 (B) GENEVA 3542

BEGIN SUMMARY: ON MAY 15, ITALIAN BRIEFED NON-EC ALLIES ON  
POLITICAL DIRECTOR'S DISCUSSION OF CSCE. SUBSTANCE OF BRIEFING  
PARALLELED REPORTING IN REFTELS. END SUMMARY.

1. LATE AFTERNOON, MAY 15, ITALIAN NATO DEL BRIEFED NON-EC NATO  
MEMBERS ON MAY 12-13 EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DISCUSSION OF  
CSCE. PRIOR TO MEETING, ITALIANS DISTRIBUTED RESUME (MISSION'S  
INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FRENCH TEXT BELOW) WHICH WE ASSUME IS  
SIMILAR TO DECISION RECORD CITED PARA 2, REF B, AND WHICH GENERALLY  
CONFIRMS CONCLUSIONS REPORTED REFTELS.  
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2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC ELEMENTS COVERED  
IN RESUME, ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI) INFORMED TURKISH AMBASSADOR  
(ERALP) OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DETERMINATION THAT, WITHOUT  
CHANGES IN THE SOVIET POSITION, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO HOLD

STAGE III IN JULY. NINE BELIEVED THERE WAS, HOWEVER, A REASONABLE HOPE FOR HOLDING STAGE III IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER WITH WORK IN GENEVA LASTING PERHAPS UNTIL THE END OF JULY. VIEW ON TIMING RESULTED FROM LARGE NUMBER OF CSCE PROBLEMS REMAINING TO BE SOLVED. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME 120 MAJOR DIFFERENCES HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE TRANSLATIONS INTO THE SIX OFFICIAL CSCE LANGUAGES. THERE ARE ALSO MORE THAN 100 BRACKETS REMAINING IN THOSE TEXTS WHICH HAVE EVEN GONE THROUGH THEIR FIRST READING.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM U.S. (REP) CONCERNING NON-SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS NINE MIGHT BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT IN DANISH FOLLOW-ON FORMULA, FERRETTI REPLIED THAT NINE CONSIDERED PRESENT NEUTRAL FORMULATION TO BE MOST HARMFUL TO WESTERN INTERESTS. NINE, THEREFORE, HOPED THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO STOP NEUTRALS' ATTEMPT TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR POSITION REFLECTED IN THEIR "NON-PAPER" BY ACCEPTING MINOR CHANGES IN THE DANISH PROPOSAL. CHANGES ENVISAGED BY NINE WOULD BE TO FUZZ THE QUESTION OF PERIODICITY OF FOLLOW-ON MEETINGS BY USE OF AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE, E.G. BY NOT MENTIONING MEETINGS (EITHER SINGULAR OR PLURAL) BUT BY REFERRING ONLY TO "DELIBERATIONS AT HIGH LEVEL". FURTHER THE NINE WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE ONE PREPARATORY MEETING PRIOR TO A HIGH LEVEL "DELIBERATION" IF OTHERS COULD AGREE THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE HELD NO MORE THAN ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE HIGH LEVEL SESSION AND WOULD DEAL ONLY WITH TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS THEREFOR. NINE WOULD EVIDENTLY INSIST THAT BOTH SUCH MEETINGS BE HELD IN 1977.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM CANADIAN AMBASSADOR (MENZIES) CONCERNING TECHNICAL FOLLOW-ON TO CSCE, FERRETTI SAID NINE ENVISAGE THIS WOULD COVER COMPLIANCE AT TECHNICAL LEVEL WITH GENERAL REQUIREMENTS LEVIED BY TREATMENT IN CSCE FINAL DOCUMENT OF ISSUES IN BASKETS II AND III. FERRETTI SAID NINE WERE BEGINNING WORK NOW ON SPECIFICS OF TECHNICAL FOLLOW-ON.

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5. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTION FROM CANADIAN PERMREP, FERRETTI SAID NINE HAD DISCUSSED THE MALTESE PROPOSAL, AND HOPED THAT THE MALTESE WOULD NOT INSIST ON A MAJOR DISCUSSION OF THEIR PROPOSAL IN GENEVA. THE NINE HOPED TO HEAD THIS OFF BY STUDYING TWO POSSIBLE OPTIONS. THE FIRST WOULD INVOLVE MAKING AN "ECONOMIC/POLITICAL" OFFER TO MALTA. THE SECOND INVOLVED CONSIDERING WHAT WAS AND WAS NOT OBJECTIONABLE IN THE MALTESE PROPOSAL IN ORDER THAT THE MALTESE DOCUMENT MIGHT BE RENDERED ACCEPTABLE.

6. NORWEGIAN DCM (SELMER) ASKED IF NINE HAD DISCUSSED ISSUES REMAINING UNRESOLVED AT GENEVA. FERRETTI SAID A LIST OF OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS HAD BEEN DRAWN UP AND HAD LEAD TO THE ABOVE DETERMINATION THAT EARLY CONCLUSION TO STAGE II WAS UNLIKELY.

NINE ALSO AGREED THAT THE NATO CAUCUS IN GENEVA SHOULD DECIDE ON FUTURE RESPONSES TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT REMAINING CSCE DIFFERENCES.

7. RESPONDING TO FURTHER QUESTION FROM CANADIANS, FERRETTI REPLIED THAT NINE HAD NOT DECIDED ON POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN OR THEMES STRESSED AT AN EVENTUAL CSCE SUMMIT.

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RECORD OF THE DUBLIN MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE NINE 11-13 MAY

(A) CONDUCT OF NEGOTIATIONS

IT WAS NOTED THAT, ACCORDING TO CERTAIN INDICATIONS PICKED UP IN GENEVA, THE SOVIET DELEGATION DEMONSTRATED THE INTENTION OF SHOWING MORE FLEXIBILITY. IF THIS INTENTION SHOULD BECOME CONCRETE, IT IS CONSIDERED ADVISABLE TO RESPOND TO IT WITH AN OPEN MIND SO THAT THE CONFERENCE CAN HAVE THE MOST POSITIVE RESULTS AND CONCLUDE IN A SHORT TIME.

(B) AGREEMENT OF THE TEXTS

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROBLEM WAS POINTED OUT AND THE  
DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA WERE INVITED TO EXAMINE THIS MATTER WHICH,  
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IN ANY CASE, SHOULD BE SETTLED PRIOR TO THE END OF PHASE II.

(C) FOLLOW-UP

THE NINE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE DANISH PROPOSAL WHICH  
WAS INTRODUCED AT GENEVA. SOME MODIFICATIONS, WHICH DO NOT AFFECT  
THE SUBSTANCE, COULD POSSIBLY BE ACCEPTED IN RESPONSE TO THE  
CONCERN OF THE NEUTRAL COUNTRIES AND TO DISCOURAGE THEM FROM  
PRESENTING A NEW PROPOSAL.

(D) PREPARATION OF THE DISCUSSION OF SENIOR OFFICIALS

NO OBJECTION WAS RAISED TO THE FACT THAT, A SHORT TIME PRIOR TO  
THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS, APPROPRIATE CONTACTS  
SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE ORGANIZING  
COUNTRY IN ORDER TO DECIDE ON THE TECHNICAL METHODS. IT WAS  
CONFIRMED THAT THE SENIOR OFFICIALS COULD MEET ONLY AFTER A PROPER  
INTERIM.

(E) TECHNICAL FOLLOW-UP

THE DELEGATIONS OF THE NINE IN GENEVA WERE INVITED TO COMPLETE  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE STUDY THEY ARE PREPARING ON THE SUBJECT  
OF THE TECHNICAL FOLLOW-UP.

(F) FINAL DOCUMENT

THE NINE CONFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT OF THE REVISED NETHERLANDS  
TEXT INTRODUCED AT GENEVA ON 7TH MAY. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT,  
DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS, ONE SHOULD AVOID INCLUDING, IN THE PRE-  
AMBLE TO THE PRINCIPLE DECLARATION, POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS  
OF A GENERAL ORDER WHICH WOULD GIVE THIS DECLARATION THE  
PARAMOUNT PLACE DESIRED FOR IT BY THE SOVIETS.

(G) MALTESE PROPOSAL

THE DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA WERE INVITED TO EXAMINE THE  
PROBLEMS POSED BY THE WELL-KNOWN INITIATIVE OF THE VALLETTA  
GOVERNMENT.

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